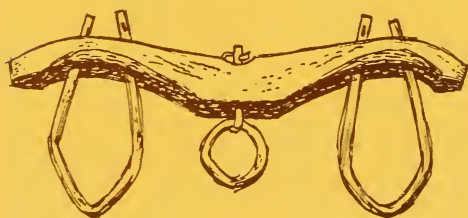


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J. C. M I N E R

Chicago, Christmas, 1941



Season's Greetings

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS RING AGAIN. NOT ALL THE SPEAR THRUSTS OF NEARLY TWO THOUSAND YEARS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KILL CHRISTIANITY OR THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. IT LIES DEEP IN HUMAN HEARTS. MANKINDS' CATHEDRALS OF HOPE, FAITH, PEACE, AND GOOD WILL SHALL RISE WITH EVER HIGHER SPIRES LONG AFTER THE LAST CONQUEROR IS DUST. THE OLD, LOVED WORDS, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU," STILL RING CLEAR ABOVE THE TEMPORARY TUMULT OF WAR AND ERASE, FOR THE MOMENT, THE IMPRINT OF SORROW



TODAY, IN A WAR MAD WORLD, IN OUR NATION'S HOUR OF DECISION, WE TURN TO OTHER TIMES AND OTHER MEN, AND FIND GUIDANCE IN THE WORDS OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Abraham Lincoln

MARCH FOURTH, MDCCCLV

FONDLY DO WE HOPE, FERVANTLY DO WE PRAY,
THAT THIS MIGHTY SCOURGE OF WAR MAY SPEEDILY
PASS AWAY. YET, IF GOD WILLS THAT IT CONTINUE UNTIL
ALL THE WEALTH PILED BY THE BONDSMAN'S TWO HUN-
DRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF UNREQUITED TOIL SHALL BE
SUNK, AND UNTIL EVERY DROP OF BLOOD DRAWN WITH
THE LASH SHALL BE PAID BY ANOTHER DRAWN BY THE
SWORD, AS WAS SAID THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO, SO
STILL IT MUST BE SAID, THAT THE JUDGMENTS OF THE
LORD ARE TRUE, AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER



WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE, WITH CHARITY FOR ALL,
WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT, AS GOD GIVES US TO SEE
THE RIGHT, LET US FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN, TO
BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS, TO CARE FOR HIM WHO
SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE, AND FOR HIS WIDOW,
AND HIS ORPHANS, TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE
AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG
OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS

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